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**DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL
WEEKLY PROJECT UPDATE
ZENECA/FORMER STAUFFER CHEMICAL SITE
Richmond, California
Activities for June 6 - 17, 2005**

Site Activities

- On Thursday, June 9, 2005, weed removal occurred at the site.
- The modified air monitoring program began on June 6, 2005.
- DTSC and Cherokee Simeon Ventures representatives met on June 16 and 17, 2005 to discuss the current status of the habitat enhancement area (marsh area) and Lot 2.
- DTSC received a citizen complaint regarding dead and/or dying trees located along Meade Street. Cherokee Simeon Ventures was contacted and DTSC learned that the problem is due to excessive moisture caused by this year's rains. Cherokee Simeon Ventures is working with their landscaper to rectify the problem.
- DTSC has begun discussions with Cherokee Simeon Ventures and East Bay Regional Parks District to fence and post the marsh area.

Future Activities

- DTSC has completed its review of the Groundwater Assessment Report and Field Sampling Plan submitted by Cherokee Simeon Ventures to repair and replace existing groundwater monitoring wells and to install additional monitoring wells. DTSC's comments will be issued the week of June 20, 2005 to Cherokee Simeon Ventures. When all comments are addressed and the Field Sampling Plan is approved, the repair, replacement, and installation of groundwater monitoring wells can begin.
- DTSC is currently reviewing the Current Conditions Report for Lot 1 submitted by Cherokee Simeon Ventures.
- DTSC and Cherokee Simeon Ventures representatives will meet on July 14, 2005 to discuss Lot 3.

Public Participation

- On June 15, 2005, a DTSC public notice was placed in the *Contra Costa Times* and the *Berkeley Daily Planet* announcing the first meeting of the newly selected Zeneca Community Advisory Group (CAG). The first meeting of the CAG is scheduled for Thursday, June 30 at the Richmond Convention Center, Bermuda Room, 403 Civic Center Plaza, in Richmond, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. On June 14, a DTSC fact sheet was also mailed to the Zeneca site mailing list, consisting of approximately 5,500 community members and other interested parties, which describes the CAG, its purpose and the first CAG meeting. The fact sheet and public notice are attached to this update.

In the June 21 issue of the *Berkeley Daily Planet*, an article incorrectly stated that the first Zeneca CAG meeting would be held this Thursday, when in fact, the meeting will be held next Thursday, June 30. DTSC staff immediately notified the *Berkeley Daily Planet* of the error and they will be placing the correct date in the article in the online version of the newspaper (www.berkeleyplanet.com), as well as print a correction in the next issue. We apologize for any confusion.